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(1) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 306 098 A2, published May 2, 2003; Furthermore, Applicants note U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0111080 A1 (OLSEN et al.), published June 19, 2003, is identified on the Annex to the Search Report as a Patent family member;

(2) French Patent Application Publications No. 2 775 905 A1, published September 17, 1999;

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(4) U.S. Patent No. 4,454,880 (MUTO et al.), issued June 19, 1984;

(5) United Kingdom Patent Application Publication No. GB 684,788, published December 2, 1952; and

(6) U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0127101 A1 (DENNIS), published July 10, 2003. Moreover, Applicants note U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0182396 A1 (DENNIS), published September 23, 2004, which is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. Patent family member of the cited U.S. Publication.

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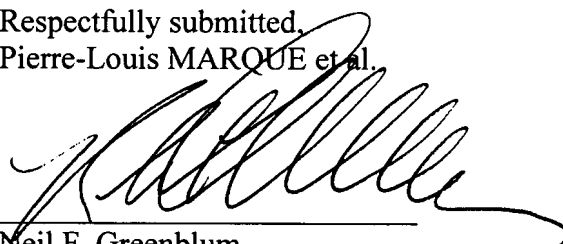
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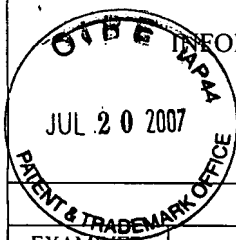


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